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450100-02056

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Motoki Kato  
Serial No. : 09/526,192  
Filed : March 15, 2000  
For : RECORDING APPARATUS, RECORDING METHOD, PLAYBACK APPARATUS, METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIA  
Examiner : Thai Q. Tran  
Art Unit : 2616

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	78	Minus	78	0	\$18 (9)	0
Independent claims	12	Minus	12	0	\$86 (43)	0
Total additional fee for this amendment						0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.

☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A ☐ credit card payment form ☐ check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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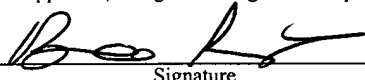
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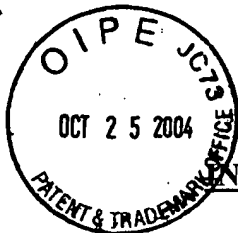


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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 20, 2004, please amend  
this application as follows: